

La Verne, Calif.
Feb 16, 1963

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

My Dear Father Aloysius,

My concern for you is great during this time of trial but I trust in the loving care of Our Blessed Lady to whom you are entrusted. She remains near to me even though I serve her so poorly. I have entreated the Blessed Mother in her generosity to allow me to suffer your penance and please permit you to minister to souls. I have pleaded with her for the salvation of souls, souls which are not being saved but which could be saved by you dispensing her graces. So far, Our Blessed Lady has only allowed me to get a little athlete's foot. I realize that a trial for me would not offer sufficient satisfaction therefore I plead for my request through my Infinite Gift which I am allowed to offer daily.

May Almighty God's Holy Will be done.

I am most grateful to you, Father, for your phone call and I treasure the beautiful statue of St. Joseph and the Infant Child which you gave me.

Before I went to bed on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes I had been wishing that I would be able to pray for Marion on the next morning at the hour of her death. I dismissed the thought because I knew it wouldn't be prudent to stay up until 2:55 A.M. My watch is a little slow in keeping time so I usually set it ahead about 5 or 10 minutes. Thus when I strangely awoke on the following morning and saw my watch reading 2:55 I realized that the Blessed Mother had seen to it that I recognize the time as being that of Marion's death and yet I still had the few extra minutes during which to pray in commemoration of Marion's

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last minutes before she entered the presence of the most Holy Trinity. For the privilege of praying at this hour I thank Our Lady, Marion, and my guardian angel.

Dear Father, please pray for me at Holy Mass that Our Blessed Lord will continue to give me His Daily Bread. I will gladly part with all else. Please thank Him for His infinite generosity expressed to me in so many ways and tell Him that I am grateful to be freed from the blunt of the sting of concupiscence but that I would happily offer all to Him in order to assure my continued daily Communion. Please tell Him in whose direct company you are that I request special graces for certain souls that I see in need - souls that ache - souls that I will never quit pleading for. Please pray at Holy Mass, Father, that I become capable of serving God in whatever manner He

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would so desire.

I pray daily for you, Father, and I beseech our Holy Mother to watch over you with motherly solicitude.

Your spiritual son,
Francis